

CITY OF MORGAN HILL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES - AUGUST 3, 2001

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kennedy called the special meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Present: Council Members Carr, Chang, Sellers, Tate, Mayor Kennedy  
Guests: Assemblyman Simon Salinas and Catalina Madrigal, District Coordinator

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

This meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

**1. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS/ISSUES OF CONCERNS**

**NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO (PROVIDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN SALINAS)**

- For the first six months of the energy crisis, focus was given to southern California's Edison.
- The state will not know until after August 15<sup>th</sup> if Edison will survive.
- Regarding the budget, eliminating the tractor tax passed.
- Senator McPhearson did not question the six billion dollar reserve. This is the largest budget in history.
- Hartnell College is now going to provide an expanded nursing program. College staff will be visiting high schools encouraging students to enroll in the program.
- A research/Ag center is in the works. It was noted that the Cities of Merced and Davis have a center. This is a definite interest. Consideration was given of including such a center at the new high school site. This would require approximately 20-50 acres.
- Public Safety did well.
- There was a \$500,000 grant for Sheriffs departments. Santa Cruz was included.

**SIGNIFICANT MORGAN HILL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

**SB910**

- Would like to mandate that each community build a certain number of houses.
- Locally, Morgan Hill is the fastest growing City in Santa Clara Valley. The City of Morgan Hill is also the fourth largest producer of housing.
- Assistant to the City Manager Eulo presented a Power Point Presentation on housing.
- Assemblyman Salinas stated that focus should be given to lobbying the assembly.
- Member Fred Key needs to be shown how Morgan Hill is doing (invite Mr. Key to a meeting).
- In cities like Palo Alto, jobs to housing ratio are not balanced. The City of Morgan Hill is trying to achieve a jobs/housing balance.

**LIBRARY**

- The San Jose Mercury had some great articles in January and three weeks ago.
- Library tax expires in 2005.
- The key is to put pressure on the governments office.

## **MORGAN HILL PROJECTS**

### **New Library**

- Working with School District.
- Design of the Library is pretty much finalized.
- Mayor Kennedy discussed plans for the new Library.
- The existing library, at 13,000 square feet, is too congested.
- It was indicated that individuals from San Jose use Morgan Hill's Library because of the way the School Districts are set up.
- Proposition 14 application will be submitted June 2002. It will take 3.5 months to get everything into place. Scoring of applications will be done subjectively.

### **Flood Control**

- The City of Morgan Hill is working with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD).
- Relying on state funding.
- The City made sure that funds from last year's budget went back to SCVWD.

### **Mobile Home**

- Mayor wants to do more research.

### **Upcoming Projects:**

- New community center
- The former Morgan Hill Elementary School is being restored to be used as a private school
- Old church is becoming a new community playhouse
- The City plans to build a new indoor recreation/senior center
- The City is in the process of acquiring land for a new aquatic center
- Regarding the flood control infrastructure, the City would like to identify funding for next year. Maybe put into the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 budget.
- Police facility: current facility is not good. It was an old bank. It is very packed. The force was cut back to what it was in the 90's.
- A contract was awarded for the widening of Highway 101 with groundbreaking to take place August 17, 2001.
- Assemblyman Salinas indicated that he would like to bring Mr. Morales to tour.
- Assemblyman Salinas felt that the city may qualify for Prop 10 grants.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

### **MINUTES RECORDED AND PREPARED BY:**

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